

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 were pending. By amendment herein, claims 2, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 12-13, 15-21 and 23-27 have been amended. Claims 11 and 28 have been canceled. No new matter has been entered as a result of these amendments and claims 1-10 and 12-27 are pending as shown above.

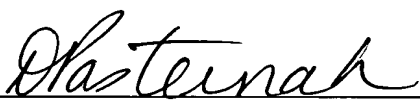
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner notes any further matters which the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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